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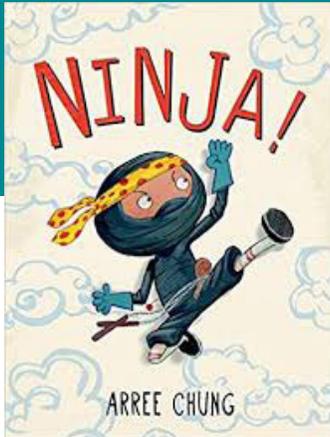
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Preschool, Primary

Ninja Maxwell opens our eyes to the secret adventure that is all round us. Hidden in the everyday surroundings of a normal household, he finds the tools and shows us the skills necessary to be a ninja. He sneaks through the rooms of his house, tumbles, and is fast on his feet. We follow this young boy as he enters enemy territory of the kitchen on a secret mission: cookies and milk! He must be strong, face danger, and overcome obstacles of dog, mother, little sister, and kitchen counters. When his sister falls and cries, it brings dishonor on this ninja. But Maxwell redeems himself, showing he is a true ninja with courage, and makes amends with his sister, teaching her the way of the ninja.

Ninja! is short on words, but long on imagination and fun! This engaging story is illustrated in frames, not unlike a comic book, adding to the book's sense of adventure. Without many words, it encourages conversation and imagination from the readers, bringing new details with each reading. It is full of ninja-action verbs and adjectives applied to everyday activities and surroundings, adding to every child's love of imaginative play and make-believe. This is a great read aloud book that appeals to the secret adventurer and ninja in us all!

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40

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